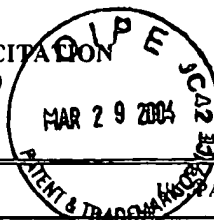


**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION**  
(Use several sheets if necessary)



Docket Number (Optional) <b>03115.030001</b>	Application Number <b>10/648,615</b>
Applicant(s) <b>Kouichi HASHIMOTO et al.</b>	
Filing Date <b>08/26/2003</b>	Group Art Unit <b>3672</b>

**PATENT DOCUMENTS**

*EXAMINER INITIAL	REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
ML	A1	3,834,468	09/10/1974	Hettich et al.	173	48	04/14/1972
ML	A2	3,874,460	04/01/1975	Schmid et al.	173	109	10/29/1973
ML	A3	2001/0052417	12/20/2001	Neumaier	173	48	06/15/2001

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

	REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	Translation	
							YES	NO
ML	A4	EP 1 101 570 A2	05/23/2001	Germany	B25D	16/00		✓

**OTHER DOCUMENTS** (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

ML	A5	European Search Report dated January 13, 2004, 4 pages

EXAMINER <i>Michelle G</i>	DATE CONSIDERED <i>06/09/04</i>
-------------------------------	------------------------------------

EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP Section 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

